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For : A LABEL TO WHICH A PRODUCT CODE IS RECORDED, A PRODUCT WITH THE LABEL ATTACHED, A PRODUCT INFORMATION ACQUISITION APPARATUS AND A PRODUCT CODE EDITING APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 11-144012, published on May 28, 1999, which is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 2002-15704, published on January 18, 2002, which is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to

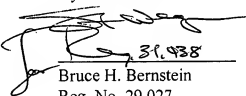
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initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure the consideration of this document.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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